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Amend the Law as to the Sea Coast Fisheries (Ireland), and  
to aid and encourage said Fisheries. A.D. 1871.

WHEREAS on a considerable portion of the sea coast of Ireland the sea fisheries, owing to the reduced circumstances of those persons following fishery pursuits, caused by seasons of distress, have fallen into decay, and are likely to decline still further; and it is expedient to renovate fishing industry in Ireland, which may be made a valuable source of employment to the people, gain to the state, and a means of increasing the public food :

Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

1. *It shall be lawful for the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury to issue and advance from time to time, out of the growing produce of the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, to the inspectors of Irish fisheries, such sums or sums of money, not exceeding in the whole in any one year the sum of five thousand pounds, as may be required for the purposes of this Act.* Advances of public money for aid to Irish fisheries.

2. The inspectors of Irish fisheries may, out of the moneys issued to them for the purposes of this Act, make loans bearing interest at the rate of *three pounds per centum per annum* for the following purposes :

(a.) For the building, purchase, and repairs of boats and gear for fishery purposes :

(b.) For the erection and repairs of houses and sheds, or for the purchase of plant for the curing of fish :

(c.) For the construction and repairs of piers, harbours, and slips for fishing purposes by private persons in such cases as the Commissioners of Public Works may not consider the

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advantage to the public generally to be such as would warrant them in making a free grant towards the construction of same :

(d.) To assist in certain instances localities or persons unable immediately to raise the proportion of money required by the Commissioners of Public Works as a condition to making advances for the construction of fishery piers and harbours :

(e.) For the purchase of materials to be used for the purposes of oyster cultivation.

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Security to be taken for loans.

3. Loans may be advanced either in one sum or by instalments as the inspectors shall consider expedient under this Act.

4. Before making any loan under this Act, the inspectors of Irish fisheries shall take such security for the repayment of same as may be considered satisfactory and sufficient by them.

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Description of security.

5. The repayments of any loan made under this Act shall be secured by the joint promissory notes of the borrower and such sureties as may be approved by the inspectors, and by such further security as they consider advisable.

Periods for repayment.

6. The repayments of loans made under this Act shall be made by such instalments extending over a period not longer than ten years as may be agreed on with the inspectors.

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Exemption of security from stamp duty.

7. Promissory notes, bills, bonds, or other securities taken under this Act shall be free from stamp duty.

Inspectors may require proof as to due application of loans.

8. It shall be lawful for the inspectors at all times that they may consider necessary to call on the persons to whom loans may be made or their sureties to satisfy them that any money advanced to them under this Act has been duly applied for the purpose for which it was obtained; and in the event of it not being satisfactorily proved to the inspectors that such moneys have been so applied it shall be lawful for the inspectors to recover from the borrower or his surety or sureties the sum advanced, whether as an instalment of the loan or the entire amount of the loan, with interest thereon at the rate of five pounds per centum per annum.

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Recovery of unexpended balance where undertakings not completed.

9. If during any time, while any part of the loan so advanced may remain unpaid, the inspectors are satisfied that the borrower is not carrying out the undertaking for which the loan was made, it shall be lawful for them to recover forthwith from the borrower, or surety or sureties, all balances or sums of money remaining unpaid out of such loans.

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10. The repayments of all loans or advances made under this Act may be recovered by summary jurisdiction before any justice or justices assembled at petty sessions, in the same manner as small debts may be recovered; and it shall be lawful for the justice or justices to issue their warrant for distress and sale of the goods of any parties sued by the inspectors, wherever such may be found.

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Mode of recovery.

11. A certificate under the hands and seal of the inspectors, stating the amount due on foot of loans or advances made under this Act, together with interest thereon, shall be taken and received as conclusive evidence of the amount due.

Certificate of amount due.

12. The inspectors may make such further rules and regulations as to them shall seem expedient for carrying this Act into execution, or for the repayment of advances made thereunder, and all such rules and regulations, when approved by the Lord Lieutenant or other chief governor or governors of Ireland, shall be binding on all parties, and a copy thereof shall be lodged with the clerks of the peace and petty sessions, and such further publicity given to the same as the inspectors shall consider advisable.

Inspectors may make rules for carrying out purposes of Act.

13. A copy of any such rules and regulations, sealed with the seal of the said inspectors, shall be conclusive evidence of the existence of such rules and regulations.

Evidence of rules.

14. This Act may be quoted as the "Sea Coast Fishery (Ireland) Act, 1871."

Short title.

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